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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Ron Lane, Mayor  
Town of Big Sandy  
P.O. Box 176  
Big Sandy, TN 38221

RE: Septic Tank Pumpers

Dear Mayor Lane:

I'm writing to confirm our phone conversation of Thursday, September 24, 2009. Section 2.3.6. of Big Sandy's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit defines a bypass as "the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility". It also prohibits bypasses. This means that anything going into the wastewater treatment plant, including hauled septage, must go through all treatment processes. To bypass the flow meter, bar screen and/or comminutor and introduce the septage directly into the lagoon pond is prohibited by Big Sandy's permit.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please call me at (731) 512-1316.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jere W. Dougan", is written over the typed name and title.

Jere W. Dougan  
Environmental Specialist  
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